



SATURDAY, JUNE 13, 1908.

M. E. CONFERENCE

Twenty-fifth Quadrennial Session Adjourns Finally.

MANY LAWS WERE ENACTED

James K. Jones Dead—Girl Saved Two Miles at Sea—An Entire Family Drowned—Quake Scare at Allentown, Pa.

The twenty-fifth quadrennial session of the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, which has been in progress in Baltimore, Md., since Wednesday, May 6, adjourned finally Monday night.

Legislation of great importance to the church was enacted, and more was accomplished than on any day of the meeting. One of the most important matters acted upon was the changing of the time-honored term of "preaching elder" to "district superintendent."

After a prolonged debate the conference decided to take the time limit off the probationary membership in the churches and to make it possible for the stewards and class leaders to order the admission of an applicant for full membership on the approval of the pastor.

By an almost unanimous vote the body turned down a proposition from the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, now meeting in Kansas City, to set aside a day of the year to be known as mothers' day.

An important matter not disposed of was paragraph 248 of the discipline concerning amusements. The board of bishops recommended its modification, but the committee on the state of the church opposed the change. It was presented by the committee, but sidetracked.

Other reports were rushed through the conference with the greatest dispatch. The "sifting committee," which began work on Saturday, presented the most important reports and business for consideration. Proposed amendments were laid on the table in most cases with the greatest haste. Questions which a few days ago would have required an entire session for discussion were unanimously adopted after being hurriedly read.

A Real War Test.

The biggest naval gun, the heaviest projectile and the highest explosive known, combined with close range and deadly aim, were allowed to work their full havoc on the turret plate of the monitor Florida. The result is declared to be a victory for turret construction, this notwithstanding the 11-inch hardened steel plate was blackened, broken, the seams of the turret sprung and the rivets and screws loosened and twisted.

It was not five minutes after the terrible impact that the finely balanced mechanism of the turret was being worked with perfect ease, and the 12-inch gun on the left side was trained at will.

Inside the turret, where stand the gunners and the gun crew, the havoc was much less apparent than from the outside. Examination showed that of the many delicately adjusted instruments for the control, sighting and operating of the turret, few, if any, were out of working order.

"If this had happened in battle the Florida would have been fighting yet," said one of the rear admirals with enthusiasm.

Then followed a futile attempt to destroy the newly designed fighting mast erected on the stern of the Florida. After five shots from the Arkansas had gone ripping through it, the mast still stood firm. It was predicted that all new ships will be equipped with battle masts of this design.

The story of the "shooting up" of the Florida by the Arkansas, however, is not contained in this technical statement of results. Every naval bureau was represented, likewise the ordnance and artillery of the army.

The scene of the real war demonstration was Hampton roads, already made famous by naval events.

Auto Driver Instantly Killed.

Emanuel Cedeno, the noted Italian automobile driver, was instantly killed on the Pimlico race track at Baltimore, Md. He had been preparing for races in which he was to have taken part and was making some very fast miles. One had just been finished in fifty-one seconds, and he had passed the grand stand and rounded the first corner of the track when spectators saw his car shoot into the air and turn an irregular somersault, landing on the track upside down.

Headache Tablets Kill Child.

Mildred, the three-year-old daughter of Lewis Wilson, of Upper Sandusky, O., found some headache tablets at her home and ate about half a dozen of them. Within a few minutes she was taken with convulsions and despite efforts of several doctors to save her life, died within an hour.

\$35,000 Stallion Drops Dead.

Admiral Dewey, a stallion, sired by Bingham, dam Nancy Hanks, owned by Dr. J. C. McCoy, of Kirkwood, Del., died suddenly of heart failure. The horse had a record of 2:04 1/4, and Dr. McCoy recently refused an offer of \$35,000 for him.

Entire Family Drowned.
An entire family, consisting of William Eldleman, aged thirty-eight; his wife Elizabeth, aged thirty-seven, and their two children, Anna, aged seventeen, and William, aged seven, of West Pensauken, N. J., were drowned in Pensauken creek, below Riverton, N. J., by the capsizing of a small row-boat.

The family were taking an outing largely as a means of celebrating the fact that they had just cleared off the mortgage on a home which they had purchased. While rowing down Pensauken creek, which empties into the Delaware river near Riverton, their little craft was caught in the swift current and carried against a scow moored in the stream. The boat was overturned and all the occupants were thrown into the water. Eldleman was seen swimming in the swift current with his son, but spectators did not realize there was an accident until Eldleman shouted for help. Before assistance reached him he sank with his son.

The Optimist Club.
From 100 pulpits of all denominations the sound doctrine of religious optimism was preached throughout North Jersey. The sunny philosophy of seeing the best in everything and making the best of everything in the financial, business and social world was expounded by eminent divines. Optimist Sunday in North Jersey was part of the general scheme of the recently incorporated Optimistic Club of New Jersey, organized to combat pessimism and encourage and recreate prosperity in the city, the state and nation.

The first motto of the club is "Smile," and its pledge is as follows: "I hereby pledge myself to do all in my power to better existing business and financial conditions; to smile and make others smile, and by so doing to not only see the best in everything, but to make the best of everything."

Corn in Corn Nets Patten \$2,000,000.
The corn on wheat and corn were closed in Chicago on Friday, and J. Ogden Armour and Jim Patton, the corn king, are now face to face with the problem of "burying the corpse." They now have to get their wheat and corn to market. Patten is estimated to have cleared \$2,000,000 on his corn deal. This estimate is based on a supposed profit of between twenty and twenty-five cents on the 10,000,000 or 12,000,000 bushels he has handled in the deal. No estimate is placed on Armour's profits in wheat. As a matter of fact, while Armour and Patton were queuing the shorts they were also squeezing each other, Armour being short on corn and Patton on wheat.

James K. Jones Dead.
Former United States Senator James K. Jones, of Arkansas, died at his residence in the city of Washington after an illness of a few hours, aged sixty-nine years. The immediate cause of death was heart failure. He was one of the leading Democrats in the senate from 1885 to 1903, and was one of the strongest supporters of William Jennings Bryan, having as chairman of the Democratic national committee, conducted the campaigns of 1896 and 1900. Since leaving the senate in 1903 he has conducted a law practice in this city and has not actively engaged in politics.

General Stephen D. Lee Dead.
Lieutenant General Stephen D. Lee, of Columbus, Miss., commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans, answered his last roll call at Vicksburg, Miss. Cerebral hemorrhage was the cause of his death.

General Lee died at the official residence of the Vicksburg National Park commission, of which he was a member. He was stricken last Friday night, consequent upon an exhaustive speech welcoming four regiments of Iowa and Wisconsin soldiers, whom he had fought upon the Vicksburg battlefield forty-five years ago.

Quake Scare at Allentown.
The entire city of Allentown, Pa., was thrown into a paroxysm on Sunday of severe enough intensity to rock buildings, bang shutters, rattle windows, clatter crockery, tumble down two or three rickety chimneys and upset small children.

People rushed out of their homes in great alarm. Mothers carried out their children in fear that their homes were about to fall. The shaking was felt all over the city, but not beyond its limits or in any of its suburbs. In the western part of the city, where the quaking was most apparent, the people noticed a muffled noise.

Two Miles at Sea Girl Is Rescued.
Two miles from shore and all but exhausted after a battle of three hours with the waves, Miss Bessie McLaughlin, of Atlantic City, N. J., was rescued by the yacht Olga after Captain Luke Conover had lowered small boats. Twenty passengers aboard cheered as the girl was brought over the rail. When she was restored to full consciousness she explained that she had gone into the surf at Gramercy place and had been carried out to sea by the strong tide. The girl knelt in prayer after her rescue.

Ten-Cent Wager Lures Boy to Death.
Pottstown, Pa., June 3.—For a wager of ten cents, offered by a companion, Leroy Weising, aged fourteen years, tried to swim across the Manatawny creek here, and drowned in midstream. The lad had just taken a lesson in swimming and had been boasting of his ability when dared by his companions to swim the stream.

Aeronaut Drowned.
Entangled in the folds of an American flag he had waved as he made a parachute drop of 2000 feet from a balloon at Hillside park, near Passaic, N. J., Frederick L. Wood, an eighteen-year-old aeronaut, of New Haven, Conn., fell helplessly into the Passaic river and was drowned.

Wood made his ascension in the presence of 1000 persons. As the balloon rose Wood unfolded an American flag, which he waved to the people below.

DEFENCE OPENS

Motion to Take Capitol Case From the Jury Overruled.

TWO WITNESSES WERE HEARD

One of Defence's Experts Became So Confused That He Had to Be Withdrawn—Claim Contract Was Properly Executed and Measurements Just.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 3.—Judge Kunkel having overruled the motion of the defence to take the capitol metallic furniture contract case out of the hands of the jury, the defence was forced to continue the trial, and after three addresses in opening, two men of wide experience in the business were put forward to contradict the testimony of the commonwealth's experts. One of them became so confused that he was withdrawn, while the questioning of the latter led to a long battle between the lawyers.

The decision of Judge Kunkel was rendered when court convened in the morning, the motion having been left with him when court adjourned on Thursday. Immediately upon the announcement, which was unaccompanied by a written opinion, the defense opened, addresses being made by ex-Attorney General W. U. Hensel, for Congressman Cassell; by George S. Graham, for Architect Huston, and Lyman D. Gilbert, for the three state officials. They contended that there would be abundant proof of proper execution of the contract and that the measurement system was equitable. Mr. Gilbert spoke less than a minute, declaring there was no evidence to show that the officials were connected with the case.

The witnesses were J. W. Hine, of Jamestown, N. Y., and E. A. Beckwith, of Newark. Hine gave a detailed description of the manner in which metallic furniture is made, and the changes which are required by Huston's revised plans, which are the basis of a charge of duplication in payment. On cross-examination by Mr. Scaret he was unable to express clearly his ideas, and said that the difference between heavy and light construction was solely a matter of cost, failing to give the difference in gauges of metal which enter into the work. Hine was also unable to make very much progress in distinction of gauges, although in the method of making cases he showed himself proficient.

Beckwith had little chance to testify, as Messrs. Scaret and Graham became involved in a controversy over a question involving the commonly accepted trade measurements, which occupied the last half hour and which Judge Kunkel will determine.

RABIES FROM CAT BITE

Nebraskan Woman Under Treatment at Pasture Institute.

Palmira, Neb., June 3.—Mrs. John Knox, of this place, is at the Pasture Institute in Chicago, suffering from rabies, caused by the bite of a pet cat. The cat was lying in Mrs. Knox's lap about a week ago, when it suddenly sank its teeth deep into her hand.

A few days later the hand commenced to swell. She left at once for Chicago, taking the cat with her. A telegram announced that an examination of the cat's brain showed a well-developed case of rabies.

Leaps Off Train to Track; Saves Child.
Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 3.—Conductor James Dunlap, of the Ontario & Western railroad, leaped to the track from the rapidly moving locomotive of his train at Carbondale and scooped up two-year-old Frances Walker, who stood terrified in front of the train, and bounded to one side with the child just as the crotch of the engine grazed his heels. It was a daring rescue and was witnessed by a score of persons. Dunlap, who was on the running-board of the locomotive, leaped to the pilot, sprang far ahead as the locomotive almost reached the child and with the same movement picked her up. Another second or a slip and he would have been under the wheels of the locomotive.

Lamp Exploded While She Prayed.
Paterson, N. J., June 3.—Mrs. Sarah Savage is in St. Joseph's hospital suffering from the effects of burns received when a lamp at her home exploded. She was kneeling in prayer at her bedside when the lamp in the diningroom exploded. While trying to put out the flames she was severely burned. After she had run into the backyard in her blazing night garment, her husband, hearing her cries, went to her assistance and smothered the fire with a blanket.

Had \$558 Tied to Leg.

Newburyport, Mass., June 3.—Three young women of this city who were strolling along Plum Island beach were horror-stricken to see the body of a man float ashore. The girls ran away, calling for help. The body was identified as that of Bernardo Patrino, one of five Italians who were drowned off Newburyport bar three weeks ago. Around the right leg of the body was tied a handkerchief in which were bills amounting to \$558. The man, like one of his companions, whose body has not been recovered, planned to return to Italy, and when the two went boating with their fellow-workmen fastened the money to their bodies.

Cleveland's Wedding Anniversary.
Princeton, N. J., June 3.—The twenty-second wedding anniversary of former President and Mrs. Grover Cleveland was quietly celebrated at their home here. A large wedding cake twenty inches in diameter, bearing the inscription "To G. C. and F. F. C. June 2, 1908," being the initials of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland, was presented to the Clevelands by Princeton friends. Mr. Cleveland is reported to be doing very well, though he has not as yet taken his accustomed afternoon drive about Princeton.

All-Powerful Love.
Love feels no burden, thinks nothing of trouble, attempts what is above its strength, pleads no excuse of impossibility, for it thinks all things possible.—Thomas a Kempis.

Hard to Right Fundamental Wrong.
It will often happen when a thing is originally wrong, that amendments do not make it right; but more often do as much mischief in one way, as good in another.—Palmer.



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Our Attitude.

We are not to court trouble, nor are we to shun it as the greatest of all evils. We are not to lie down supinely when it comes but find if we can a way out of it. We are not to consider our troubles greater than those of others. And always and earnestly are we to believe that some rich blessing for our lives and the lives of others lies at the heart of the thing that now worries, depresses, overwhelms us.—Rev. H. A. Bridge-man.

Queer "Bonds" of Matrimony.

A young couple, natives of Ceylon, appeared recently before a magistrate in Ohio and asked to be married. All the forms required by the state were complied with, but before the law officer could perform the ceremony a witness who came with the couple bound the thumbs of the contracting parties together. They explained that in their country the act of fastening a man to a woman by the thumb was a sufficient marriage ceremony.

Transmitted Snake Bite.

A vicarious snake-bite is the curious case reported from Shepperton, Victoria, by Dr. Welchman. A small dog was bitten by a snake, and in turn bit his master, who was dressing his wound. The dog died. The man soon afterward became drowsy and on being taken to a hospital developed alarming symptoms of snake poisoning, and only energetic treatment saved his life.

Cyclone and Tornado.

The cyclone is formed by the rushing of air at a high pressure into or toward a center of less pressure, in constantly narrowing circles or spirals, and, through much of the area covered, at a constantly increasing velocity. A tornado has been fitly named a "secondary cyclone." Its extent is less, but its energy is more intense than that of the cyclone.

Reason.
Reason is that Homerite and golden chain descending from the throne of God even unto man, uniting heaven with earth, and earth with heaven. For all is connected, and without a chasm; from an angel to an atom, all is proportion, harmony and strength.

Vibration of Fly's Wings.

Recent measurements of the vibrations of the wings of a dragon fly in the Stuttgart university showed that they ranged from 10,000 to 12,000 a second. The common house fly makes 600 strokes of its wings a second when flying at its highest speed.

For Study of Birds.

An educational feature of the park in Springfield, Mass., is the bird display in aviaries, ponds and other places, the object being to provide opportunity for the children to study the habits of the little brothers of the air at close range.

The Philosopher of Folly.

"They say," observes the Philosopher of Folly, "that it takes nine tailors to make a man. I always acknowledge the truth of this old proverb when one of those dudes boasts that he has patronized the same tailor all his life."

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The Golf Joke (Revamped).

The Parson (as he fizzes)—R-r-r-r! The Caddie—Might as well go ahead and say it, boss. I'm a mind reader.

They Cost Too Much.

A socialist exclaims that titled heads cost Europe more than they are worth. And America, too.

Compass of the Desert.

The fishhook cactus is the compass of the desert, for it always points to the south.

Tombstone Eighteen Centuries Old.

A tombstone 1,800 years old has been found in a church at Fordington, England.

A Word from Josh Wice.

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